

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Manabu Kato : Examiner: James Phan
Appln. No.: 08/951,635)
Filed: October 17, 1997)
For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS)
: Group Art Unit: 2872
: Confirmation No.: 1809
: November 19, 2007 (Monday)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated October 18, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: